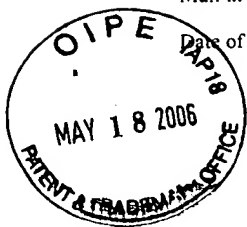


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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application divided the claims into two groups and required restriction to one of the groups. In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant elects Group 1, which includes Claims 56 and 59-65. The Applicant reserves her right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter.

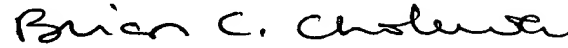
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A request for an extension of time for one month is enclosed herewith so that this response will be considered as timely filed. Please charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

No other extension of time is believed due, but should any additional extension be due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the

appropriate extension and a request to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No additional fees are believed due; however, if any fees are due, in this or any subsequent response, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

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